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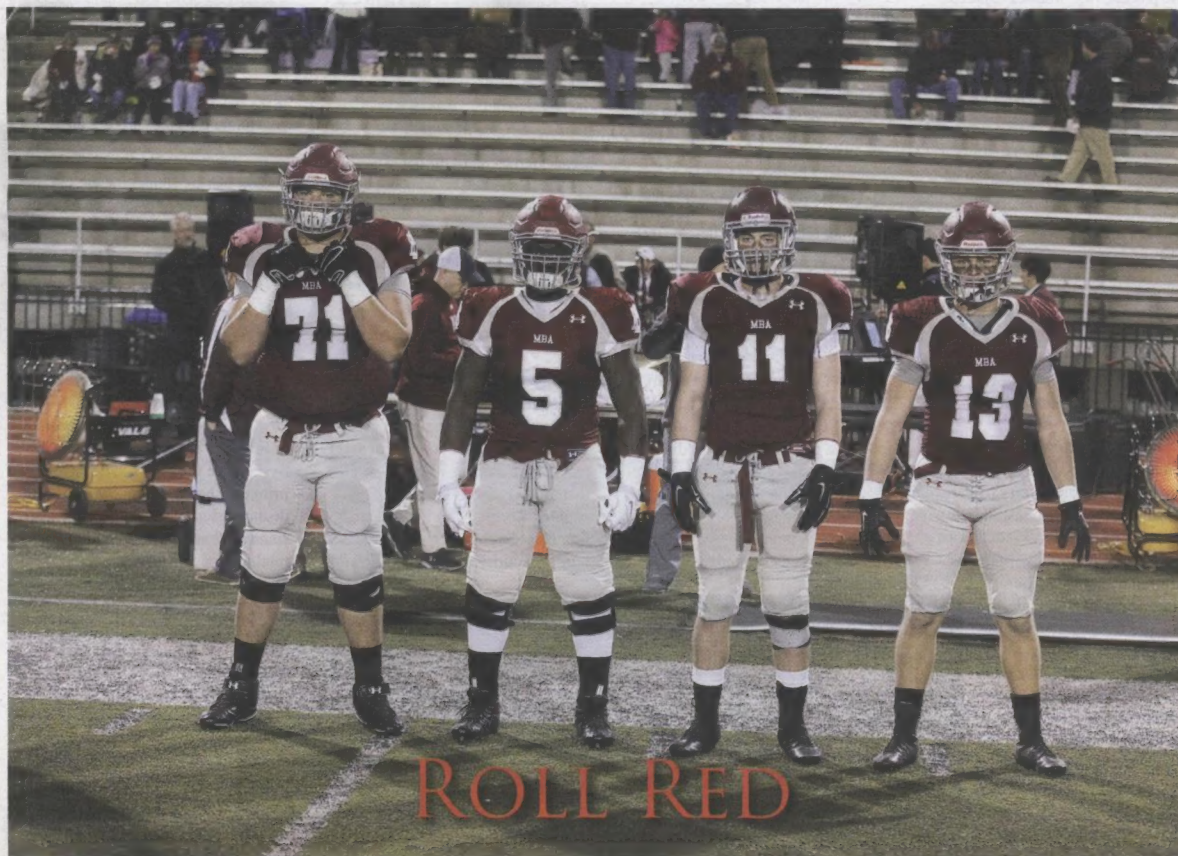
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# The Bell Ringer



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"This game is going to be the ultimate test for us. Brentwood Academy is a good team, but I know that we are ready"

- Joseph Scowden '16



# Art Department Celebrates a Semester in New Space

By Nolan Spear  
Editor in Chief

The first thing you notice when you climb the stairs to the upper level of Davis is the tremendous amount of light that flows in. It's uncanny, really. And in a far-reaching conversation with Mr. Jim Womack, *The Bell Ringer* learned that this natural light flow is just one of the many aspects of the new art space that he genuinely loves.

The process of renovating the Davis Building began in late May, when Mr. Womack, Ms. Holyfield, and Ms. Swieca-Brockman began packing up their materials, tools, and individual art pieces into cardboard boxes. "It was an exhaustive process," Mr. Womack remarked, "and I think in the end we packed nearly 660 individual boxes. It was the start of a nearly semester-long battle with the boxes." This packing process was vital in the preparation for the renovation, as it allowed for neat storage and lots of space for the construction workers.

On June 1st, it all began. Construction started with many of the upstairs walls being removed, which was a tricky process given the walls' attachment to Davis's roof. The workers were

meticulous in their work, and throughout the middle of June new lighting and air conditioning were installed upstairs. Not only was it difficult to work with the walls upstairs, but the security of the downstairs had to be monitored as well. Balance between days of working upstairs and days of working downstairs had to be achieved. Work continued throughout July and into late August, and by the first days of school, classes were allowed to meet in the new rooms. That does not mean everything was unpacked, however, as Mr. Womack explained, "We arrived on the first day and were basically greeted by all the boxes we had packed up in May. We've continued unpacking throughout the first semester, and I'd say an accurate comparison to our unpacking process is that we're climbing a long, windy mountain road that in the end is going to pay great dividends for us."

Walking through the halls of the upstairs, Mr. Womack highlighted several more aspects of the new space that greatly enhance both the productivity and the overall image of the MBA Arts Programs. "Something that we've truly been grateful for," he says, "is the massive amounts of multipurpose space. We feel like it really allows for each student to develop their

own ideas and be allowed the materials and space to pursue this passion."

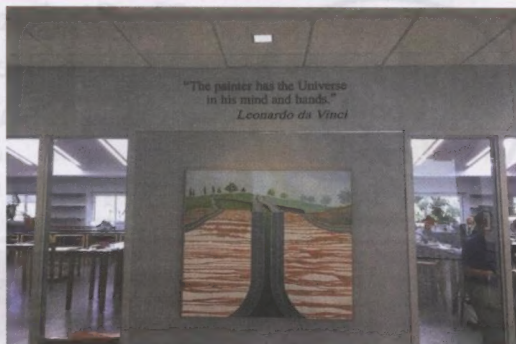
Mr. Womack loves the walking space and the gallery-like feel of the downstairs hallway, noting that the specific type of fabric placed on the lower-floor walls is excellent for hanging art pieces. He took the time to open up the newly-installed darkroom, which contains numerous instruments for developing student photographs. This darkroom resides nearby Ms. Swieca-Brockman's, which primarily houses the Art III and Art IV students. Just down the hallway is the ceramics room, which, according to Mr. Womack, has been "taken over" by seniors Phelps Gambill, Jamie Payne, and Jay Shackelford.

The second-to-last stop on the tour was the video room. This space is located further down the left hallway, and contains a multitude of cameras, lighting devices, and microphones. Mr. Womack remarked the area is an excellent interview space, and hopes that in the future

a full light-board will be installed in the ceiling.

The final stop was Mr. Womack's own Art History room. His room features one long, central desk, with a projector stationed above the students and a massive bookshelf behind them. "The Art History Room is completely ideal for the subject at hand," Womack says. The displays on the projector combined with the images within textbooks allow for multiple mediums to be used to teach the subject, something that is in important in a course that emphasizes wide ranges of expression.

After a semester of work, Mr. Womack continues to feel a sense of pride in the new art space. "One thing I am truly grateful for is the fact that this undertaking could have been done for less money, and a lot quicker, but it wasn't. It just goes to show that our administration, and community as a whole, realizes that if you're going to do something, you have to do it well."



## France Stunned by Terrorist Attack

By Peter Taylor  
Entertainment Editor

The world was shaken on Friday, November 13, by the brutal terrorist attack on the city of Paris that President François Hollande called an "act of war."

Perpetrated by infamous terrorist group ISIS, the attack left 130 people dead and 389 wounded, making this France's deadliest attack since World War II.

The brunt of the attack was focused on the concert venue the Bataclan Theatre during a performance by American rock group Eagles of Death Metal. A two-hour standoff involving the police and numerous hostages occurred. Other attacks were scattered across the city in neighborhoods or areas where nighttime activity was just beginning, comprised principally of suicide bombers.

Counterterrorism expert Michael Leiter, speaking with NBC News, explained that these attacks exhibit a planning and coordination previously unwitnessed in modern terrorism. He declared, "This will be a game-changer for how the West looks at this threat."

Already wounded by the

January attacks on the Charlie Hebdo magazine staff, France is reeling from this breach of national security. President Hollande, rushed to safety from the Germany-France soccer match, convened an emergency cabinet meeting. He declared an immediate tightening of France's border security and the mobilization

of the police and the military into a state of national emergency.

This mobilization appears in France's consistent airstrikes in Syria since the attack. The terrorists, primarily hailing from Syria, declared during the Bataclan Theatre standoff that their motivation was retaliation against recent French involvement in Syria.

The application rate to the French military has skyrocketed even higher than it was after the Charlie Hebdo attacks.

On November 18, the suspected leader of the attacks, Abdelhamid Abaaoud, was killed in a French police raid.

The rest of world remains in solidarity with France in this difficult time. President Obama declared, "This is an attack not just on Paris, not just on the people of France, but this is an attack on all of humanity and the universal values that we share."





# MBA Tries Out Online Classes

By Isaac Wills  
Staff Writer

Over the summer vacation, Mr. Gioia registered MBA as a new member school for the Global Online Academy. This academy offers a wide array of courses that range from The Application of World Philosophy to Modern Issues to Gender Studies. This year, MBA has five students enrolled in two Global Online Academy courses. Four seniors are taking the academy's Multivariable Calculus course, whereas I am studying in the Arabic I: Language Through Culture course.

It has been interesting to experience the academy's significantly different course structure, both from my perspective and the seniors', in comparison to an average course at MBA. This new learning interface offers

a unique experience to MBA students, as all classes are conducted online. The online interface for the Global Online Academy is called Canvas. This interface serves as a home page where students can receive assignments, check their grade-book, and send e-mails.

Students enrolled in a Global Online Academy course do in fact have a physical teacher as well as other classmates. Because the courses are online, communication amongst teachers and classmates is primarily conducted through e-mail and Skype.

The teachers and the classmates come from all around the world. For example, my Arabic teacher lives in Amman, Jordan, and my fellow classmates live anywhere from Clarksville, Tennessee to Manila, Philippines.

The global scale of these

classes and its online presence is definitely unique and fascinating, but it does impose several problems.

In the case of language learning at MBA, the first level begins with a teacher utilizing voice inflection and gestures to send a message. However, without a physical teacher present, language learning is dissociated from experience and instead becomes solely textbook learning. As for the constraints of communication, my Arabic teacher is thirteen hours ahead of me in the day. As quizzes and tests must be taken with my teacher, I have had to make untimely Skype calls either before or after school in the early morning or the late evening. Furthermore, asking questions about assignments has proved to be challenging as responses are delayed by a day.

Although there are definite setbacks, the Arabic I: Language Through

Arab culture. In fact, the course's syllabus is 60% culture studies and 40% language studies.

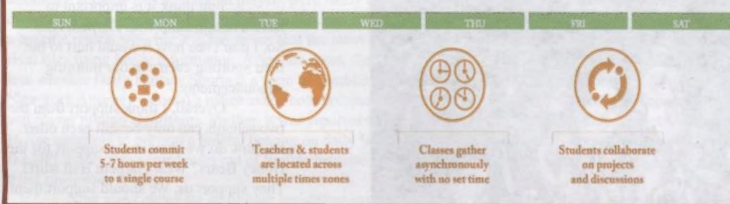
Wanting to get perspective on the Multivariable Calculus course, I spoke with Tony Ding. He mentioned that one of the biggest problems with the course is that collaboration with other students, who are generally unresponsive and not helpful, on projects can become rather annoying. Tony also mentioned that his teacher does not exactly teach the material, but rather makes the class more of a self-study. He sends us links to poorly made YouTube videos, not even made by himself, and expects us to understand the material," remarked Tony.

Troy shared similar opinions with Tony about the Multivariable Calculus course's follies. However, Troy mentioned that his course's assignment structure was rather flexible, allowing him to allocate as much time as he might need for assignments.

Both Tony and Troy proposed that students should continue to test out the Global Online Academy over the next few years before abandoning the program altogether.

The Global Online Academy indeed has its flaws, ranging from insufficient teaching to communication breakdown. However, the academy can be a convenient tool for MBA students who feel limited in MBA's course selection.

## A TYPICAL WEEK



Culture course at its core is a very interesting class. It challenges its students to look beyond just the Arabic language and to immerse themselves in the Arab culture. Dispersed amongst grammatical assignments are projects that discuss various aspects of

## Rock the Vote!

By Andrew Kaplan  
News Editor

The statistics regarding a lack of youth voting are staggering. Last year, only 15 percent of students that were eligible to register to vote actually registered. Of that percentage, even fewer actually voted. Whether the election is a mayoral election or a presidential election, the lack of youth participation is certainly affecting political outcomes. If the thousands of unregistered students actually began voting, these substantial differences in the voting numbers could easily impact the outcome of a given election. In order to improve these statistics, Representative Jim Cooper and Senator Steve Dickerson have teamed up with the Davidson County Election Commission to foster new ways to spark the youth vote. As Senator Dickerson put it, "Our elections don't suffer from over-participation."

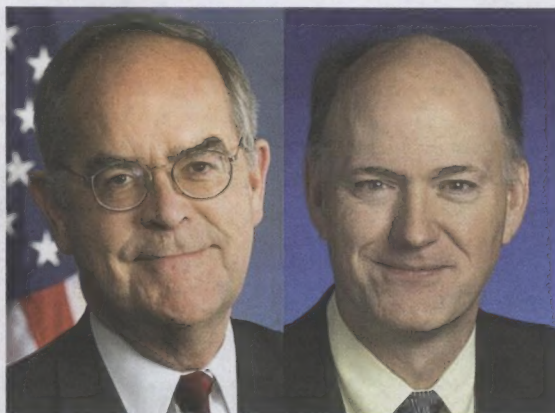
There are two main reasons behind the absence of student votes. The first is lack of accessibility. Many students are unaware of the process by which one can register to vote, and also do not have the time or resources to go out of their way to find the location where they need to register. Because Tennessee does not do online registering, one must go to a registration center in order to physically register. Cooper and Dickerson's upcoming initiative greatly eases this registration process. In schools

across Davidson County, the election commission is making sure that every high school, public and private, takes new measures to ensure that the students of the respective schools are able to adequately access registration

of them vote, which results in terrible turnout at the polls come Election Day. But if individuals within this large group begin to take some interest in the political process and started voting, others would be convinced to

making it to the November election is definitely increasing. Not only are the individual candidates fascinating, but the specific policy positions of many of the candidates are extremely important as well. Immigration policy, containment of ISIS, healthcare regulation, and Russian expansionism are all issues that are being debated at the forefront of political discussions right now. By casting a vote for a particular candidate, one will be endorsing their policy positions at least to some extent.

On the Hill, the registration process will be very simple. Following winter break, there will be several days during which representatives from the election commission and some student representatives from MBA will be in the Dining Hall foyer to register students. At the time one registers, one does not even have to be 18. The only requirement is to be 18 by the date of the particular election. So even if an MBA student will not be 18 by the presidential primary, he can still register this January to vote in the presidential election in November. It is crucially important that everyone who is eligible registers while the opportunity presents itself at MBA this winter. If you are not registered before a certain amount of time before a particular election, you will not be able to vote. Usually this buffer time is several weeks, sometimes even a month before an election. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Andrew Kaplan or Vincent Zhang to learn more.



capabilities.

In addition to access, many students do not have the will to vote because they are either disinterested in the political process as a whole or believe that their individual vote does not matter. On the contrary, when an entire generation is of the understanding that their vote has no significance, none

follow along because there would be enough votes for their participation to be extremely significant. Students are also disinterested, but this presidential election season is one of the most flagrantly controversial in decades. With frontrunners in the Republican Party such as Donald Trump and Ben Carson, the possibility of a political outsider



## MBA, Harpeth Hall Meet to Discuss Sports Attendance

By Carter Lovvorn  
Opinions Editor

Philip Scholer, Gibby Gibson, and I took Harpeth Hall by storm a few Wednesdays ago. Actually, upon arriving at Harpeth Hall, the Honey Bears took us by storm. The lack of a consistent presence of boys was obvious as we received looks that ranged from "What are you doing here?" and "Get out of here" to "Hey, why don't y'all stay a while?"

We did not expect such an awkward encounter upon arriving. We even had a teacher come up to us and simply say, "What are you doing here?"

This awkward beginning, however, confirmed the girls' reason for inviting us over.

We at MBA must not deny that there is a larger presence of Harpeth Hall girls at MBA events than MBA boys at Harpeth Hall events. We decided to spend some time talking it out with Safari Chicks Keely Hendricks, Ally Nawrocki, and Mary Britton Anderson.

We started off with the issue of the student section. Since there is a pretty clear segregation between boys and girls, my first question was how to solve this segregation. I was more than willing to listen to the answers and try to help solve something, but the responses we got were in general inconclusive. We talked about ending some of the rowdiness that gives the Dawg Pound/Red Sea/Big Red Army/Rack City (whatever you want to call it) its character. While I myself am not particularly a fan of the post-touchdown

mosh pit and the general shoving that takes place, I know that it's not going to stop, and that's not going to bother me too much.

We moved on to talking about how into the game the girls actually are. Ally quickly commented, "The girls are pretty intensely focused on the game." I did not disagree, especially since at every game, the only times boys and girls are distracted is when they are talking to each other.

This interaction between genders can be good too. It doesn't make the student section "less hype" if during a timeout a boy talks to the girl next to him. Keely put it best: "It is a large reason why attendance at MBA games is so high. It's a good time to meet people and talk to people."

We boys still wanted to know how to solve the other question of how to better integrate boys and girls in the student section. My only thought was to have the girls out on the field with us before the games. The girls quickly responded, "That's your thing." This left me greatly confused since I had thought their goal was to bring the students together at football games.

On the other hand, we talked about numbers and why girls come to our after-school events, while we don't always go to theirs. We talked about the timing: how boys are required to play sports at MBA, so we can't go to soccer games at 4 P.M. on a Tuesday. Besides the simple issue of timing, advertising is another issue. We never hear about Harpeth Hall games. Philip Scholer commented, "The whole city knows when MBA's playing on Friday night, but I want to know when a girl's cross country meet is."

I do think it is important to have a relationship with Harpeth Hall. So, I don't see how it would hurt to put their sporting events in our morning announcements.

Overall, I think support from the two schools can only benefit each other. So, how do we show more support for the Honey Bears? Wear Harpeth Hall stuff? They support us. We should support them and care about what they do. Also, next time you ask a girl to come to your game, ask her when you can go to one of her games. While I don't think there's much we can do about the student section and scheduling, I do think we can be more supportive of a school that displays such a great attitude to the events that we put on here on campus.



*You can't miss the divide between Harpeth Hall and MBA students at football games. The schools look to draw more combined attendance at various athletic events.*





# DraftKings, FanDuel May Face Downfall

By Ben Coulthard  
Sports Editor

I first noticed the advertisements last year while watching the Titans play on CBS, but I didn't really think much about them. FanDuel was unfamiliar to me, but I assumed it was just another new money-grabbing fantasy sports game. Nowadays, you can't watch any sports channel without being inundated by the excessive advertisements from the two major daily fantasy sports companies, DraftKings and FanDuel. Many Americans use these websites as a way to win money from daily drafting of a fantasy sports team.

To me, this sounds like a new way to gamble. You're either winning money from having a good team or losing money because someone spent his or her money on a better team.

Daily fantasy sports have become an epidemic in today's world. People are addicted to the thrill of winning money from an individual's performance. These companies are driving the economy of the sports world by having lucrative endorsement deals with nearly every single major sports league. The Titans use DraftKings everywhere, whether it be the "DraftKings Fantasy Update" on the Jumbotron or having a specific set spot for the DraftKings logo on one of the permanent advertising decals.

The key to the success of these companies comes from a loophole. Claiming that winning is based on "skill," the corporations set the prices of the players based on how well a specific player does. The better players—for NBA they would be LeBron James or Stephen Curry—are more expensive, while role players have a less expensive price tag. Since you only have a specific amount to spend on your team, you have to draft your team within the guidelines of the price range.

A scandal arose between the two companies when a DraftKings employee won \$350,000 dollars on FanDuel because he had access to team ownership statistics. This access gave him an advantage because he knew which players were likely to do well while also not being drafted by other owners. After this incident, FanDuel and DraftKings banned employees from playing. They didn't give a specific reason why, but it is fair to say that the move was made to limit employees from winning on rival sites using inside information. After this news, the FBI (yes, the FBI) launched an investigation into whether Daily Fantasy Sports is a form of gambling, thus violating federal law. Additionally, the New York Attorney General's office asked both companies for internal data, including win/loss records and player pricing algorithms. Further, it was reported that the NFL is having its D.C. office contact House members to prevent a federal hearing on daily fantasy sports. This action displays how much the NFL wants these companies out of trouble because of how profitable they are to the league. Seems a tad suspicious to me...

Now many states are instituting legislation saying playing on these sites is illegal. New York ordered both FanDuel and DraftKings to stop taking bets, categorizing the sites as illegal gambling sites.

These sites should not be legal. They are becoming an addiction to users. People are taking extreme measures, such as not eating or sleeping, and then using that money to pay for their weekly entries on the two sites. People are quitting their jobs and starting to focus all their time towards building algorithms or doing anything to give them any kind of edge on these sites. It's just not healthy what some people are doing for these games. The sites need to put limits to prevent the unhealthy



ABOVE: DraftKings and FanDuel run today's daily sports world, but their reign may be coming to an end soon.

behavior shown by many Americans.

It's not as if the companies are fighting to make money. These are companies worth billions of dollars. They have made enough money.

BELOW: A typical DraftKings daily lineup.

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WR	DeSean Jackson (B)	Waughtlow	12.7	\$4,900	+
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## December Brings Great Outdoor Activities

By Mark Floyd  
Retired Ben Carson Fanatic

The sun is just peeking over the horizon on a frigid morning, the sleet is relentlessly pounding your face as wind gusts approach thirty miles per hour. Your buddy is hailing at a group, and all of a sudden he yells, "Cut 'em!"

That's right, the long awaited duck season

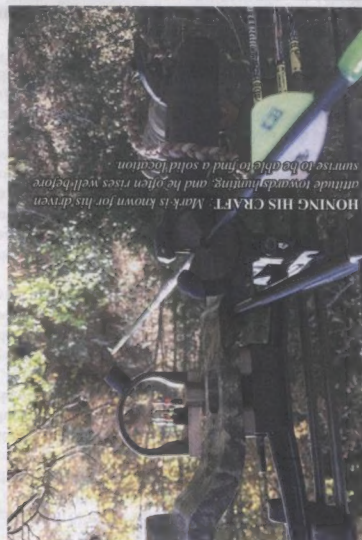


ADVENT OF ISDOORMAN Few people at MBA are more passionate about the outdoors than senior Mark Floyd.

has arrived. As deer hunters grow tired of sitting quietly alone in the woods, they look for a change in pace by picking up a shotgun and hitting the blind with some buddies for a great day. Hunting ducks, unlike any other hunting excursion, is a community activity. Memories made with friends and family in a duck blind waiting for the next group to come in to the spread are some of the greatest that a person can have. There is something almost mystical about a blind in the morning with the smell of biscuits and fresh coffee brewing as eager hunters await shooting

High. Here in Tennessee, we are fortunate to have many opportunities to hunt ducks and make memories that last a lifetime. Here in the mid-state area, Cheatam Lake WMA is the staple place to go for a day of duck hunting. WMA's in the mid-state hold ducks, but it requires some research and dedicated scouting to find them. Percy Priest and Old Hickory offer great opportunities for a hardcore duck hunter as long as that hunter is methodical in his scouting. Without giving away any secret spots, I will say that the mid-state is full of well-hidden duck holes that can be stacked with ducks on any given day. Google Earth is the best place to search for these hidden holes. Just be careful not to hunt on private property without asking permission first. In addition to ducks, nearly every game animal is open for the taking during the month of December. Furbearers will be open during this month and offer great opportunities for an avid hunter. Coyotes, bobcats, mink, and many more furbearers will be active during daylight hours, searching for food, which will give ample opportunity to harvest

these tricky creatures. Trapping seasons will be open as well. December may be the best month of the year for hunters. With almost every game animal season open, hitting the woods with a shotgun and a diversity of ammo can yield anything from a mess of squirrels to the buck of a lifetime. So get out there and have an adventure!



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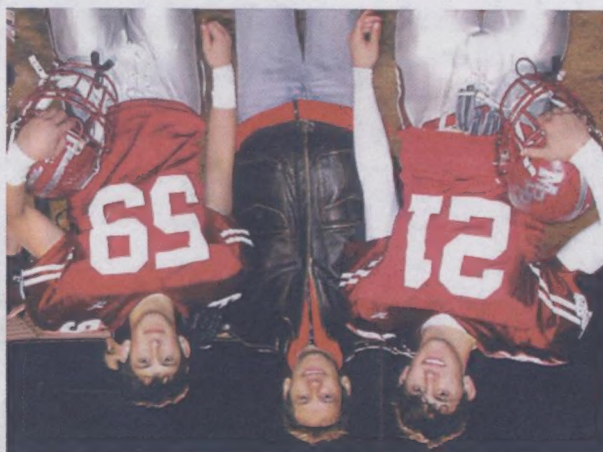
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## From the Mind of John Glover

Americans always know the enemy. Drawing a line in the sand, we stand united against every foe foolish enough to cross it. The mightiest nation on God's green earth, everyone knows America calls the shots behind the international stage, and why shouldn't we? We've got the greasiest grub, the wankiest women, and the biggest blasters. It's good to be king. Think of the world like a kindergarten playground. The biggest kid gets all the toys, and the losers get purple nipples. We're like the Anne Hathaway of countries: everybody hates us cause they ain't us.

Are you starting to feel good? Check yourself because times are changing. Our way of life is under siege, and we're all in danger. America is a low-dangling, fruit, and our enemies are smoke in the wind. Security is a shadow on the wall, and the bubble's fit to bursting. The terrorists have found their way to our door, and we've got to do something about it. The cat's out of the bag, but if anyone thinks we're taking it lying down, they've got another thing coming. Back America into a corner, and it's gonna come out swinging, baby! Good grief, I love this country! Don't believe me? You're wrong, and history backs me up.

The year was 1987, back when America still stood for something. The Ruskies somehow found the guts to invade Afghanistan, but unsurprisingly, they lacked our nation-building skills. Responding with the tenacity of a hegemon and the fortitude of a back-alley street cat, we dispatched our best and brightest to contain the commies. One sweltering day, unlike any other, they arrived decked to the nines in khaki Bermuda shorts, Tommy Bahama button-ups, and Ray Ban sunglasses, ready to kick some butt. And you'd better believe they did.

They arrived at a Mujahedeen training camp and sparked the single-largest intelligence operation in United States history, code-named Operation Cyclone. Gosh, even the name sounds cool! Shortly, thereafter, we'd shown those no-good freedom-haters what was what, and they were running back to their frozen waste-heap with their tails between their legs. As for our partners, so-called "Islamist extremists," well, it turns out the enemy of our enemy isn't always our friend—or so the Liberal elitists would have you think!

"We enabled Al-Qaeda," they'll say, or "We paid Osama Bin Laden!" Don't listen to them heroes. 9/11 was an isolated incident, and everyone knows it, and, of course, we avenged that tragedy a thousandfold. Didn't we topple the very same regime that we installed after the Soviets withdrew? Didn't we get Bin Laden? Take that, America's haters. Mission accomplished.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, pundits have rightfully been scathing in their critique of President Barack Hussein Obama's mishandling of everything. Terrorists have slaughtered hundreds in France, and that's just the tip of the iceberg! Waves of attacks are sweeping across the Western world while we sit on our hands and bite our lips. Are you feeling vulnerable and insecure? Good- you can use that. Reasoned responses are for suckers. With the subtlety of a freight train and the precision of a sledgehammer, I say its time for us to get back on the bull and bust up some terrorist's china shop. American boots on the ground may just be the only fix. As the great Dick Cheney once said, "If there's a 0.001% chance of a terrorist attack, we have to treat it like a 100%."

We may not have an exit strategy or contingency plan, but if history has taught us anything, it's act first and think later. The nerds are kicking up dirt on America's playground. It's past time we put them in their place.



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# The Real GOP Debate Questions

By *The Bell Ringer Staff*  
*Political Aficianados*

The thrill of the presidential election season is upon us, as the seemingly countless televised debates dominate the topics of discussion on the Hill. With a wide range of political perspectives and social standpoints represented at MBA, it is important that, when debating with others, students understand the candidates that they seem to know absolutely everything about. As a result, *The Bell Ringer* has come up with some questions that MBA students should, in a hypothetical debate, be asking our presidential candidates. These questions would be vital in aiding students to fully grasp how a candidate supports their extensive "needs." With such a wide-open GOP field and essentially two Democratic candidates standing, the possibilities for bandwagoning are endless.

## For Jeb Bush:

\*As Governor of Florida, you are clearly responsible for the endless fun that MBA boys have in Seaside and Rosemary every spring break. As president, will we still be able to travel down 30A and enjoy ourselves?

\*Apparently you are very, very good at fantasy football.

In fact you said that you "won all of your leagues the past few years." Can you give the hopeless Big Red student some tips?

## For Donald Trump:

\*The Hill has many aspiring billionaires. But for the most part, we all know that reaching such wealth can be hard work. What we really need to know is: what is your secret to making everyone believe that you are incredibly successful? To give off this air of unbelievable success, do we need to file for bankruptcy as many times as you have?

\*If elected president, are you able to guarantee us that you will send the school a free shipment of "Make America Great Again" apparel? The Hill is full of "Trump Supporters," who clearly understand everything

that you stand for, and this gear has already begun to take off around campus.

## For Ben Carson:

\*Your work is inspiring to many of us. For example, you stand by your belief that as students we do not need to take any social science or history classes. Clearly, we also don't need to have any bearing on the outside world either. My one question for you: Is Obamacare really worse than slavery?

\*You made headlines for separating conjoined German twins, yet you don't believe in the Big Bang or evolution. That's certainly a unique viewpoint, but my real question is: was Charles Darwin's work really encouraged by the Devil?

## For Carly Fiorina:

\*If you became president, would you run the country into the ground at least half as fast as Hewlett Packard's stock dropped when you were its CEO?

\*You clearly know everything about climate change, but tell me: does China "really not care about it at all?"

## For Bernie Sanders:

\*You claim to disagree with Hillary Clinton on "virtually everything." So tell me: if Hillary told you the sky is blue, would you be open to a debate?

\*You call yourself a socialist. Would you care to explain to the American people what the difference is between you and Hugo Chavez? He's a Muslim, right?



## Hillary Clinton:

\*Is it indeed true that you planned the entire Benghazi attack via email while sitting in your office?

\*If elected president, would you call for the services of Bill's masseuse, Monica?



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# The Lovvorns Investigate the Donut Scene

By Carter and Davis Lovvorn  
*The Blue Devils*



Donuts are a man's best friend. They come in all shapes and sizes, and can be eaten in multiple delicious ways. Realizing the true greatness of these doughy circles, I, Carter Lovvorn, and my dear brother Davis embarked on a donut tour of Nashville to truly take in the sights and sounds of our city's donut culture. If you are a new donut fanatic, you make be asking yourself, "Where can I find a good donut?" The fake donut lovers would point you somewhere mediocre like Dunkin' Donuts or Kroger. However, if you're true to the donut game, follow this advice for your best bargain and taste.



## Don't Ever Go to Dunkin'!

Davis and I didn't even bother stopping at Dunkin' Donuts. We happened to be sitting at a stoplight on our way there when we noticed that Richard Sherman was stopped right next to us. Since Richard Sherman knows everything, we asked him what he thought about Dunkin' Donuts. His only response was "Mediocre at best." We took his word for it and began to drive home. As we cruised along West End Avenue, I began to reflect on past experiences at Dunkin' and realized how truly average the place is. All in all, Richard Sherman steered us in the right direction, and you should stay away. Because the donuts at Dunkin' taste like bread with a little icing on top.

**Rating: 1 Davis out of 5**



## "THE BIG RED LOVES SHIPLEY'S, AND I LOVE IT TOO"

If you get that reference, good for you. You clearly understand the greatness of The Big Red Broadcasting Club. While Shipley's Donuts is a bit out of the way, located just off Lebanon Pike, it is well worth the drive. Their donuts are made with care, and they invite you to take a bite. I was barely through my first apple fritter when I turned around and realized that Davis had bitten through an entire box with his signature Davis Chomp. Shipley's glazed donuts are arguably its signature item, and the one I had was likely my favorite donut of the trip. They are very airy and almost have a crunch when you bite in. The flavor was unique in many ways, and the store offered many delicious options to pair with their outstanding customer service.

**Rating: 4 Davis's out of 5**



## Donut Den Remains Excellent

Donut Den was a tough call for me. Many Green Hills-located MBA students swear its donuts are the best in the city, but I've been an exception. My most recent trip to this shop, located off Hillsboro Road, was not positive, as a large line and poor customer service marred my experience. However, Davis and I decided to do our reviewing on a less crowded day, and we were rewarded. What really pleased me about my trip to "The Den," as Nolan Spear calls it, was the variety of options. In addition to grabbing a few donuts, I can walk out with a cake, an Icee, soda, coffee, and even chicken and sausage biscuits (which are absolutely excellent). The donuts I had were light and easy to eat, and possessed a truly homemade flavor. In addition, the shop is very cheap, and Davis and I loved our experience there.

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## YouTube Expands Horizons

By Danny Lee  
Staff Writer

YouTube has been stepping up its game. As more and more aspects of our daily life become digitalized, the massively popular video-sharing website has been trying to widen its fan base by releasing features such as YouTube Gaming and implementing a complete website redesign.

On October 28, 2015, everything changed. YouTube released a paid subscription service that will provide "an enhanced, uninterrupted experience across YouTube, YouTube Music, and YouTube Gaming." This service, entitled YouTube Red, will offer ad-free videos, offline watching capabilities, the ability to keep videos or music playing whilst other apps are in use or when you turn off your screen, and a Google Play

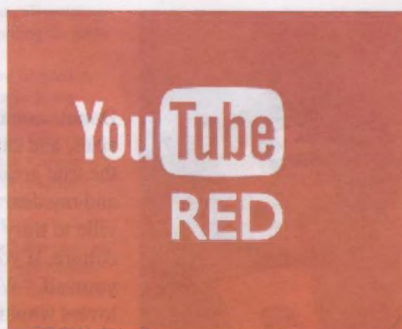
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A key feature of YouTube Red is its ad-free videos. This offering will get rid of pre-video ads, mid-video ads, banner ads, search result ads, ads on the home-page, and in-video text-overlay ads. Previously, there was no way to turn those annoyances off without having a 3rd party app such as Adblock. The only problem with the 3rd party applications is that both the smaller and larger "YouTubers" lost revenue from the ads. Now, if you subscribe to YouTube Red, you can watch ad-free videos while also supporting these YouTubers, effectively getting rid of ads completely.

Another popular feature is the ability to save videos to watch offline. Since saving videos is an action that occurs largely on mobile devices, the ability to save will only be a feature on the

"a personalized selection of music" which you can edit and save a storage limit on. With these features, you will be able to save videos on your phone to watch when you are offline for a long period of time such as road trips, camping trips, or areas that you just don't have WiFi access. This ability to save will be vital in many users' quest to avoid massive monthly data charges.

Another key feature is the ability to keep videos and/or music running in the background when the screen is turned off on your phone. Before YouTube Red, every time you wanted to respond to a text, email someone, or just browse the Internet, whatever you were watching or listening to would just pause until you came back to the video. However, with YouTube Red, the video/music will seamlessly transition so you will be able to keep enjoying whatever you were listening to. The second bit of this feature seems semi-useless: Who's going to watch a video while the screen's turned off? If you think about it, there are lots of videos in which the video aspect isn't crucial such as podcasts, music, and talk shows. Also, you



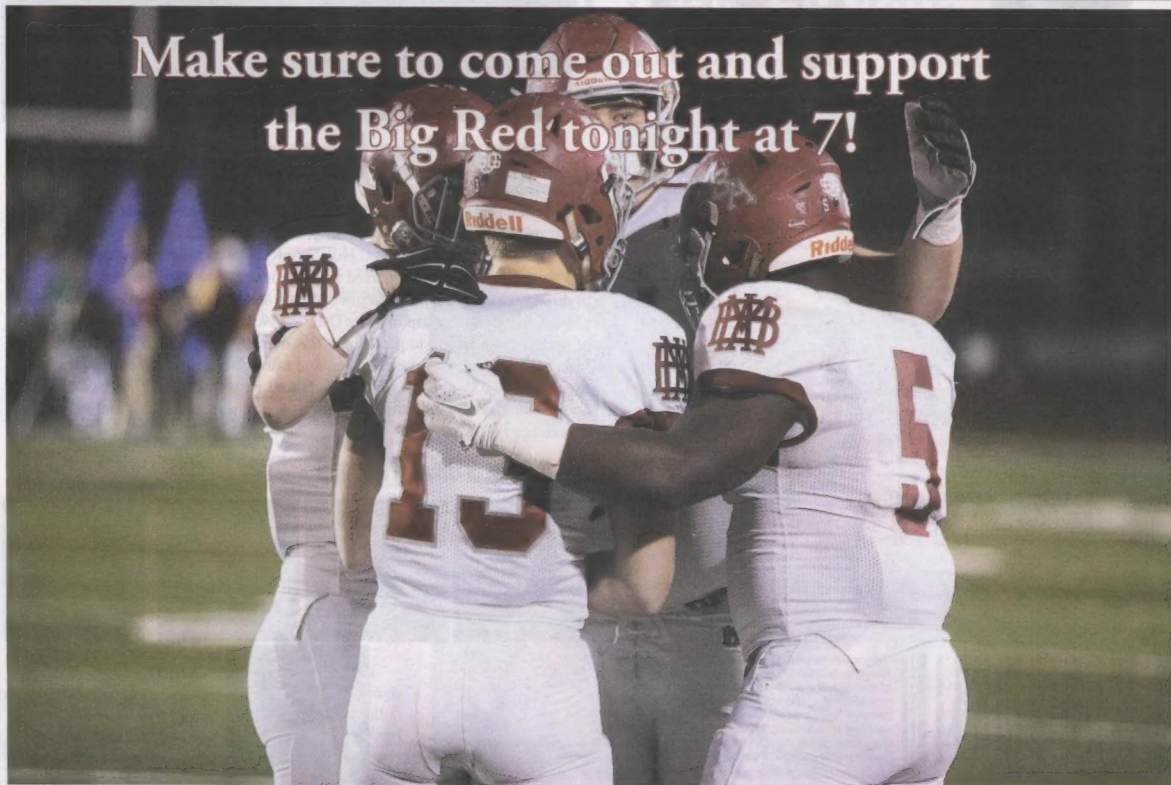
can now listen to music at night when you want to go to sleep without having a very bright screen turned on the whole time, which both distracts the user and drains the phone battery.

YouTube Red now offers a free Google Play Music subscription as well. Google Play Music is a very comprehensive and large package by itself, and it allows the subscriber to stream any piece of music, create custom radio stations, and download music to listen offline. By offering this service, YouTube Red hopes to boost itself above the recent successes of Spotify and Pandora. One key thinking behind the switch to free Google Play music that Google Play is ad-free, unlike the free versions of Spotify and Pandora.



Android and iOS mobile YouTube apps. The YouTube Music app (which is a part of the YouTube Red package) will save

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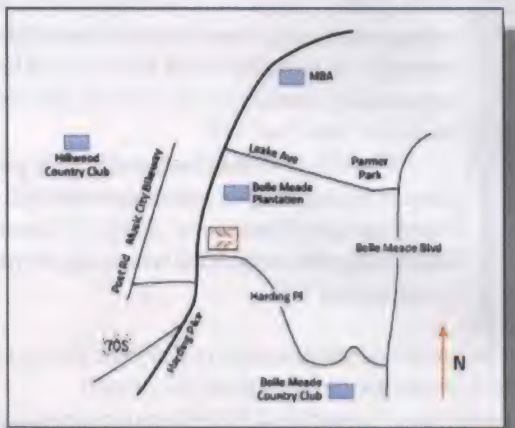


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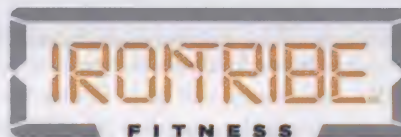
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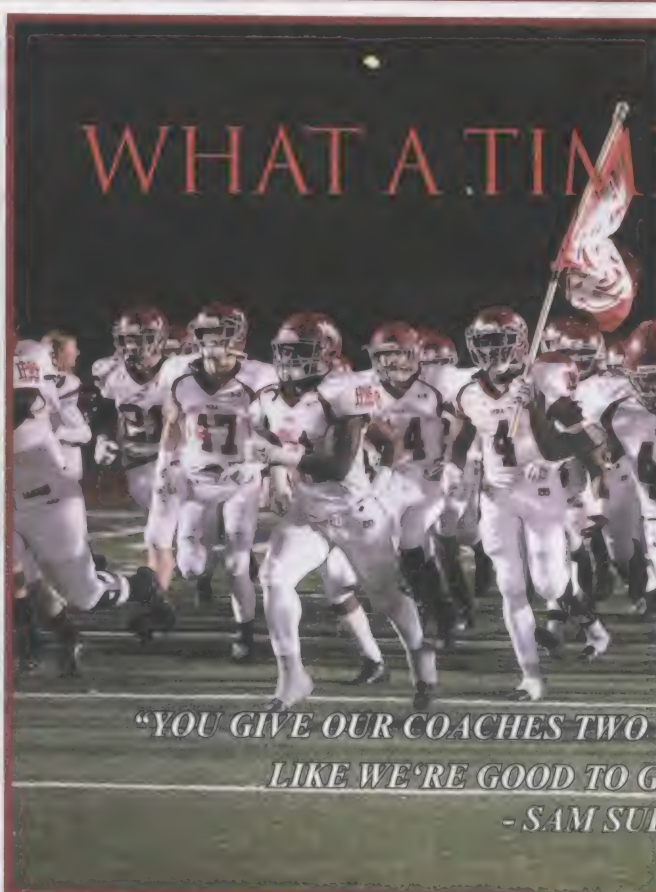
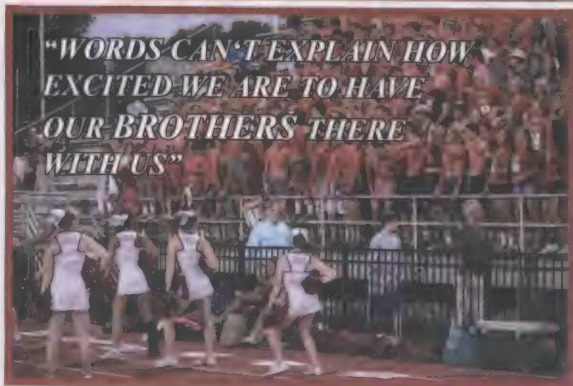
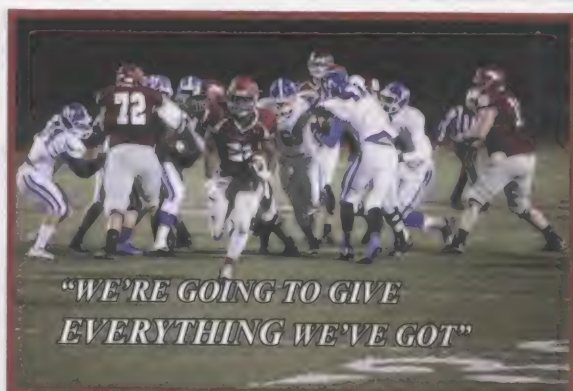
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If you could find one word to describe the Big Red be "confident." Two fearless, dominating performances defeated their strong opponents, McCallie and Christian games, MBA played some of their best football of the season, rushing yards, and Glenn Coleman had a 75% completion rate better than ever (more about him later). All these factors gave them tons of confidence. To give an introduction to this team, let's introduce you to our star linebacker Sam Sullivan.

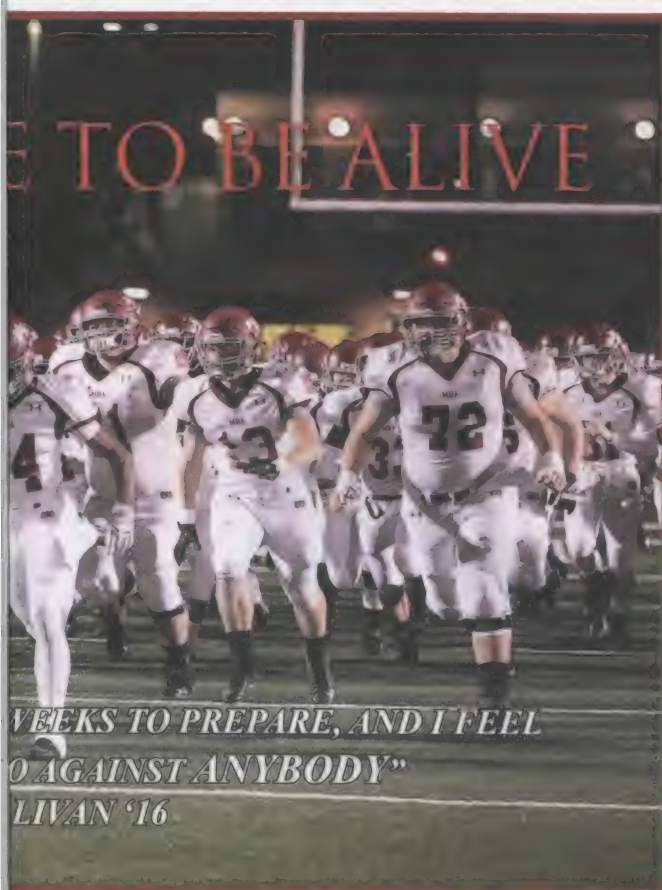
**What went wrong last time?** Sully put it simply: "It was a crucial mistake in this execution early on in the second drive deep into the red zone, down 10-7, and turned the ball over on that interception, completely changing the momentum. That was the problem for the second half."

**Who has home field advantage?** The Big Red, for two reasons. MBA was there last year. The guys know the whole MBA community will be in Cookeville, giving MBA an advantage in terms of fan support.

**"Gosh, who is that number 2 kid?"** These were the words of numerous CBHS fans two weeks ago, as Monty Johnson, sent from the last meeting against Brentwood, will help to shut down stud wideout Cam Johnson. His kick returning a boost in athleticism that could have helped last time.

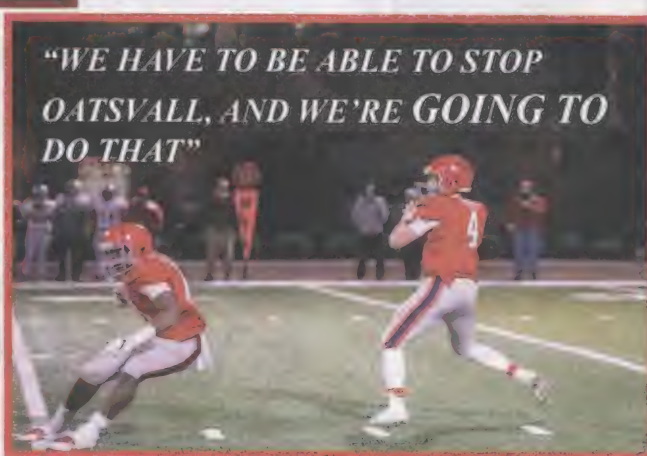
**So, how do we beat them?** Remember what I said earlier about confidence. The team needs to come out flying, needs to be hit...hard. D'on Cofer talked to me about how they feed off of the crowd. Big plays and hard hits will give us a much more competitive, tight ball game than the last meeting. Look out for two confident teams that are flying at each other.





heading into the DIIAA State Championship, it would highlighted the quarterfinals and the semifinals. MBA Brothers, by a combined score of 73- 24. In those two season. Ty Chandler combined for a record-setting 539 percentage. Montgomery Owen is back and seemingly s have the Big Red excited for tonight and have given s week's game, *The Bell Ringer* sat down with senior

Our execution wasn't there, and BA's was." There was quarter. The Big Red were embarking on a twenty-play ball over. BA scored a quick touchdown on the heels of he 24-7 score at halftime left MBA with no momentum



opes and understand any quirks in the stadium and the environment. Also, if last year's state game gives any clue, the

omery Owen made his presence felt in all three facets of the game. His impeccable timing on defense, which was ab- will help in the field position battle, and we all saw two weeks ago what he can do on offense. He gives the Big Red

g and hard hitting, but at the same time, focused on the game plan. Jeremiah Oatsvall needs to be contained. He also get the crowd into the game, which might be just what MBA needs to strike some fear into the Eagles. All odds point around and taking lots of risks. In the end, we believe in ourselves, so look out for Team 117 to go out there and take



## Preds Start the Season on a Strong Note

By Robert Cowan  
Staff Writer

Last year, the Predators surprised everyone and enjoyed a successful regular season. Their run only came to an end in a heartbreaker loss in the first round of the playoffs.

Unfazed, after offseason and training camp, the Preds established their starting lineup. One initial surprise was Viktor Arvidsson, a second-year player with great potential. Sadly, he only lasted four games in the bigs before being sent back to the minors.

The Preds opened the season at home against the Carolina Hurricanes, winning the game 2-1. This was a very close game that came down to a couple of lucky bounces that helped the Preds get the win. Arvidsson scored the game-winning goal.

The first month of the season consisted of Eastern Conference teams and a few out-of-division Western Conference teams. In the month of October, the Preds got some big wins against the Tampa Bay Lightning, the Anaheim Ducks, and the San Jose Sharks. These wins helped the Preds finish October 6-1-2, landing in the top 5 of the NHL in points.

The Predators are in the Central Division, one of the most challenging divisions in the league. Five Central Division teams are in the NHL top 10. The Preds have only played two games in the division, and they are 1-1. The win came against the Minnesota Wild; the loss came against the St. Louis Blues.

There are many things to praise about the Nashville Predators so far this season. Best has been their defense—one of the best defensive cores in the league. Per Fox Sports, out of the 48 defensemen with

8 or more points, 5 of them are on the Preds. Some might say, "Oh, 5 isn't much," but there are only 6 defensemen on a team. 80% of their defensemen with more than 8 points is the Preds. Also, the Preds have only given up 39 goals, the best mark in the league. And Pekka Rinne has been putting on a clinic in the net.

At the date of publication, the Predators are 12-7-4, with 28 points, good enough for fourth in the division and twelfth in the NHL. If the Preds can play with consistency suffering a mid-season year, they can make it to the Roll Preds.

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## Big Red Basketball Plays with a Chip

By Andrew Kaplan  
News Editor

For the past few years, MBA basketball has received seemingly less attention than in the past. Why? Because football won the state championship? Possibly. But this installment of the Big Red basketball team is loaded with young talent and led by sturdy senior leadership.

Though not league favorites entering the season, head coach Kevin Anglin is optimistic about how the team may stack up as they mature. "BA, Ensworth, McCallie, and CBHS are league favorites going into the



year," says Anglin. "They all return many players off very good teams from last year. Our team is young, but capable. It will be fun watching them grow up and improve throughout the year. I don't think we'll know exactly how we stack up until we get much later in the season."

The young talent of the squad this season cannot be understated. With sophomore standouts Will Nutter and Drew Weikert expected to play big minutes at guard positions, the longterm future of the team looks bright.

The team is also expecting a lot from its senior leadership. As Coach Anglin put it, "The team has ability, but must come to play and concentrate every day. Senior leaders will need to hold the group accountable for that consistency."

Seniors Carson Talbott and Parker Bryan look to anchor the team both offensively and defensively. Park-



er's presence in the paint will remain an essential aspect of controlling the game for the Big Red.

The players have adopted an underdog mentality. Despite being overlooked in favor of dominant teams last season, key players are returning with newfound confidence. Carson

Talbott is optimistic. "We are being overlooked by everyone this year and I like that. Nobody expects much from us, so it will be fun to come out and surprise some people this year."

Competition remains formidable. Brentwood Academy won the state championship last year, and they haven't lost many of their strong players.

Ensworth, led by senior and University of Tennessee commit Jordan Bone, look very strong in the preseason as well.

Mark a number of games on your calendar as the season gets underway. "We have the usual big games against league rivals BA, Ensworth,



Ryan, JP II, Baylor and McCallie," says Coach Anglin. "We also have very tough home games against Christian Brothers, MUS, and we play some challenging out of state competition at the Ravenwood Classic just before Christmas, and at the inaugural Music City Classic at MBA over MLK weekend."

Even if you are unable to attend one of the games, tune in to Big Red Broadcasting's online broadcast. With upgraded equipment and new sponsors, the show returns with big guns for the 2015-2016 season. Roll Red.

## Trail Pups Resil Through State

By Collin Ragsdale  
Staff Writer

Last time we left the Big Red Harriers, the tight-knit squad was stuck in a rut, trying to find its footing amongst a myriad of injuries. Upon his return from Spain, junior Will Peters found himself sidelined with a fracture to his right femur. Meanwhile, his not-so-identical twin Tom Peters suffered a series of frustrating setbacks due to ankle and foot problems. Senior leader Hunter Hamilton had injury woes of his own, ranging from his lower back all the way down to his calf. Before the season had even really started, this team had already lost its top three runners. Add another dozen or so injuries and you find yourself in quite the predicament.

In the midst of such an injury crisis, many teams would have self-destructed and given up all hope. The Big Red, however, stuck to its guns and grinded through the fall. Knowing that previous results from early August were now meaningless, this group of guys fought to find its own identity. New leaders emerged during these grueling months as the team rallied behind senior leaders Carter Lovvorn and Robert Dedman.

Competition for varsity spots was tightly contested the entire season. With a different varsity squad every race, those coveted top seven spots were

still unclaimed even the week before state. Despite the seemingly never ending Monday long runs, continuous tempo workouts, the daily hips and core routine, and Coach Kamm's Bread™, the Big Red came up short at state. Neither the coaches nor the runners looked for an excuse after the disappointing result. Rather, they reflected upon the positives from the year.

Despite all odds, these boys overcame their individualities and bonded as one. From the first moment of camp, each and every player put in the hours and fully dedicated himself to the team.

Such hard work may be best exemplified by the monumental improvement of young Jack Sullivan. Through intense hill workouts and an unwavering spirit, Jack

singlehandedly dropped his PR three minutes, a testament to his devotion.

Next year will find Big Red XC working harder than ever to make a statement. With all seven varsity runners returning, plus a healthy Will Peters and a promising freshman class, the Big Red has high hopes for next year.

**OFF TO THE RACES:** Jamison Russ ('18), Alden Ferguson ('17), and Issac Wills ('18) competed well at state, and while the Big Red may have come up short this year, look for them to run hard next fall.





# Vanderbilt Basketball Hopes for a Big Year

By Ben Coulthard  
Sports Editor

Last season, Vanderbilt seemed ready to join the ranks of the SEC's elite. The core of the team was solid, young role players were looking to make an impact, and Kevin Stallings appeared ready to roll.

Then strange things began to happen. They lost a few key players to transferral and dismissal. The injury bug struck the starting five. By mid-season, the Commodores were nowhere to be found. The 'Dores endured a seven game losing streak in SEC play and ultimately had to swallow a disappointing first-round exit to rival Tennessee in the SEC Tournament.

While those days were dark, hope is emerging for the 2015 Commodores. Only two players graduated this past season, and Vanderbilt has their top-7 scorers returning for the upcoming season.

Expectations are high. Many pundits believe the team has overcome the trials and tribulations of 2014-2015 and is now, at long last, ready to ball out in the SEC. With many projections

putting the Commodores in the top 3 in the preseason SEC polls, the team must perform well this season in order to appease an ever-growing fanbase.

On paper, they look great. Led by Preseason All-SEC center Damian Jones, all starters and many of the reserves from last year's team return. The 'Dores also

big men. Guards Wade Baldwin IV, Matthew Fisher-Davis, and Riley LaChance shot a combined 41% from 3-point range last year as freshmen—impressive for any trio of players, much less freshman. They will surely continue their torrid pace this year and keep the Commodores in the few close games they have this year.

has been said to shoot as well, if not better than, any of the aforementioned trio, and Djery Baptiste has been compared to Commodore greats Festus Ezeli and Steve Tchiengang as a big man.

Overall, the promise is there for this Commodore squad, but it is up to Coach Stallings to motivate these guys and help them reach the heights they know are attainable.



further benefit from the addition of Cornell transfer Nolan Cressler and the arrival of four talented freshmen.

The strength of the team is definitely its offense, having averaged 71 points per game last year. 7'0" Damian Jones and 7'1" Luke Kornet will man the inside, giving the Commodores a definite height advantage in the paint. This edge will play a big role, especially in an SEC conference filled with talented

The keys to this year will be the Commodores' ability to finish games. Many times last year, they allowed the opponent to erase larger deficits and ended up losing multiple games as a result. The new players will make large impacts. Transfer Nolan Cressler is able to score in many different ways and will provide immediate impact off the bench. He may end up starting sometime in the season. Freshman guard Camron Justice



**LEFT:** Junior center Damian Jones looks to play strong and improve his NBA draft stock.

**RIGHT:** Fiery sophomore Wade Baldwin must shoot well from downtown to ensure Commodore success.

**BELOW:** Baldwin and sophomore Riley LaChance form a formidable outside combination.





## ARSONISTS LIGHT UP THE STAGE



By William Eisenring  
Staff Correspondent

Coming hot on the heels of August's Harpeth Hall musical collaboration of *Emma! A Pop Musical* and Dr. Fuller's competition one-act *As I Lay Dying*, *The Arsonists*, a 20th Century black comedy by Max Frisch, was the year's first full-length straight show and provided truly outstanding entertainment.

The plot of the play revolves around the chaos surrounding the attempts of two arsonists named Schmitz

and Eisenring, played by veteran MBA thespians Tanner McCormick '16 and Nolan Spear '16, to invade the house of Gottlieb Biedermann, played in outstanding fashion by senior Matt Remke. Biedermann's misplaced idealism, combined with the true evil of the arsonists, made for a dark and resonating message.

However, the cast was not defined by the performance of these three male leads. Harpeth Hall's Eliza Trost portrayed Biedermann's wife Babette, and truly displayed her stage experience with a variety of physical acting techniques. Additionally, Amber Steigelfest (Harpeth Hall '17) and JP Cooper (MBA '18) made a unique impact with their interjections into the plotline.

No discussion of this show would be complete without mentioning the Chorus. This ensemble, made up of Hudson Coombs, Harrison Kidd, Sarah Perlin, Jack Capizzi, and Andrew Falls, was the backbone of the show and provided excellent commentary in regards to the action on stage. Director Malcolm Morrison spent a great deal of time with this bunch to ensure that their lines were timed correctly and that everyone's tone and body language reflected a common vision.

The play was unique

in the sense that it took place on one set and one set only. Stage manager Tony Neuhoft used creative lighting design to distinguish between rooms in Biedermann's home. One could see the show in all four performances, and despite seeing the same story unfold, one would never see the actors using props in the same way. From moving large oil barrels to handling a full set of silverware and napkins, the company rehearsed for weeks with these props to ensure that their use was effectively worked into the dialogue at hand.

Another unique aspect of this show was the audience participation. The script contains several specific lines that call for actors and actresses, such as Matt, Eliza, and Nolan, to speak to the audience. Whenever certain events would happen in the play, occasionally an actor would make a comment to an attendee beside him or ask one of them their own opinion of the actions on stage. This interaction gave the play a participatory feeling, and the audiences are made to feel like a part of the story.

The music added an additional layer of creativity on top of the script. Led by axemaster Peter Taylor '17,



the band, also featuring the talents of Carter Smith and Jack Brandis, underscored various moments throughout the show for dramatic effect, designing a majority of the score themselves. At intermission each night, the band would play snippets of various pop songs that humorously related to the action on stage.

This additional layer of music provided a modern twist on the 20th century play.

As anyone who has attended the play can attest, this article does no justice to the fantastic performance put on by the cast and crew. Easily one of the most unique shows performed at MBA in its theatrical history, *The Arsonists* will be remembered on the Hill for years to come. It may have been a risk in performing a play such as this, but risks always come with their rewards; this risk certainly has.





# Star Wars Release Date Draws Closer and Closer

By Peter Taylor  
Entertainment Editor

*Star Wars*. You only need to hear those two words to picture images of space battles, lightsaber fights, aliens, robots, powerful heroes, loveable sidekicks, and menacing villains. These trademark aspects have captured the general public's imagination since the classic opening crawl first flashed across the screen in *Star Wars: A New Hope* in 1977.

Since then, no other franchise has

received quite the same love from both casual viewers and hardcore fans. Where its science fiction cousin *Star Trek* is usually seen as the nerdier, more technical franchise, the original three *Star Wars* movies capture a unique sense of wonder and adventure that no other movie truly has. Even the prequel films, though layered with bad scripting and acting, exude a similar feeling of excitement at their hearts.

It came as a shock to the pop culture world in 2012 when George Lucas, the series' creator and visionary, an-

nounced the sale of his company, Lucasfilm, to Disney, who quickly announced plans for a whole new trilogy of films, the first of which was slated to debut in 2015. Reactions were initially mixed. Some fans were horrified at the notion of three more films. What if they weren't good? What if they ruined the franchise, and all of our best memories with it? Others were elated. Three more movies? Maybe they'll be good this time. Can't be any worse than *The Phantom Menace*.

2015 is now upon us, and each day draws us closer to the looming De-

cember 18th release date. Since the initial announcement, new information, particularly the renowned J.J. Abrams' signing on as director, has drawn even the most skeptical fans into the excitement. The reappearance of Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher, and Harrison Ford, plus countless other original stars, was icing on an already appetizing cake.

As the film moves closer and closer to its arrival in theaters, box office projections continue to be astronomical. But what everyone is wondering is whether it'll be any good.

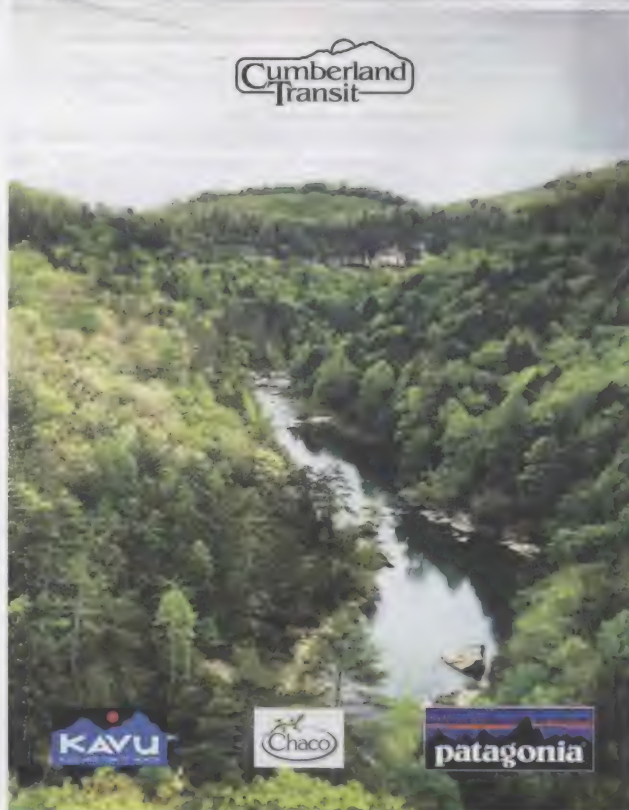
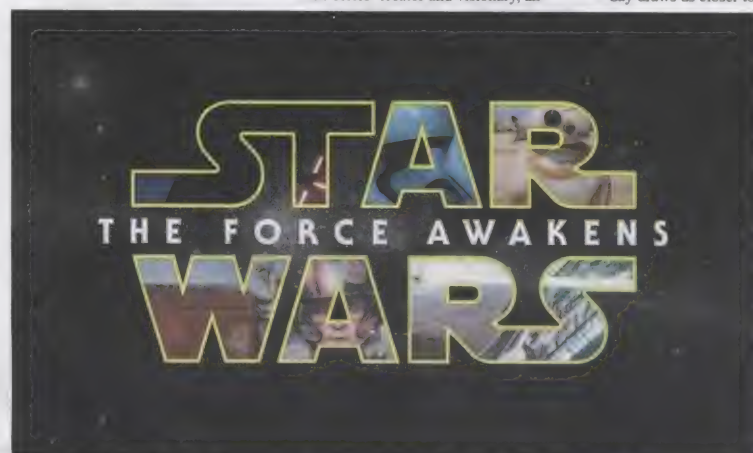
All signs point to yes. The movie seems to have an exceptional cast. Oscar

Isaac of *Inside Llewyn Davis* fame is poised on the brink of stardom from the film, as are his fellow heroes John Boyega and Daisy Ridley. Hollywood favorites including Andy Serkis and the legendary Max Von Sydow are also set to make their mark on the *Star Wars* franchise with their already proven talents.

Another draw is some of the details Abrams has released regarding the film, particularly his statement that the film will focus on practical effects over the prequels' heavy CGI in an effort to stay true to the roots of the films. He has also declared his intention to focus just as much on a strong story and characters as he will focus on the saga's characteristic space battles and lightsaber duels.

Despite all the hype, relatively little about the actual plot has been revealed in the three trailers premiered in the last year. Little is known about the film's characters or settings: Oscar Isaac will be playing a pilot, John Boyega a redeemed Stormtrooper who learns how to use the force. Starkiller Base will be this franchise's equivalent of the Death Star, only more formidable. Chewbacca's growl is as fierce as ever.

We do know one thing for sure, though: I'll be sitting in the theater on December 18th with a bucket of popcorn, a set of wide eyes, and an imagination ready to be captured once again.





## Glover: The Seasonal Album Reviews

From Tame Impala's hypnotic *Currents* to Mac Demarco's dreamy *Another One*, it's been a good year for music lovers, and the last few months have been no exception. Here are some great albums any music lover should definitely check out.

### A Legend Returns: Bob Dylan

Well, good ole' Bobby D's back, and this is one that everyone should be excited about. *The Cutting Edge* came through on November 6th, and it's pretty awesome. Taken from a collection of Dylan's studio recordings between 65' and 66,' the release will give you unique insight into the artistic process of the greatest songwriter of all time. Hear firsthand the outtakes, rehearsals, and demos from the albums that came to define the golden age of 60s rock and roll: *Bringing It All Back Home* (1965), *Highway 61 Revisited* (1965), and *Blonde on Blonde* (1966).



### Pure Goodness: The Lonely Biscuits

The Lonely Biscuits have once again mixed their sing-songy high notes with poetic raps, and I'm getting nothing but good vibes. They somehow manage to combine frat-boy self-assurance with rebellious self-consciousness and still remain cool. More power to them. Their newest single, "Come Around," available on an EP containing five songs along with "Pacifica," is a prelude to their next album, so stay posted because it's going to be good. Best Song: "Teeth Shine."



### Up and Comers: Shopping

Shopping released *Why Choose* in early October. You may not have heard of these London-based hipsters, but keep an eye out because they just might make it big. That is, of course, if their pathological hatred of capitalism doesn't get in the way. Accusatory, angry, and definitely hard. If Kurt Cobain and Stevie Nicks had love children, they might sound a bit like this band, and this album is their best work yet. The songs may blend together if you're not careful, but fans of artful punk will be impressed. Best songs: "Straight Lines," "Take It Outside," "Sinking Feeling."



### Melancholy Self Reflection: Kurt Vile

The ever-prolific Kurt Vile dropped his newest album, *b'lieve I'm going down*, back in late September. The album opens with one of Vile's best songs yet, "Pretty Pimpin'," but may leave you disappointed with the following decrease in tempo. While it's lacking in the heavy-handed swagger of *Wakin on a Pretty Daze*, the album succeeds in packing a subtler punch. It's decidedly self-conscious, introspective lyrics will have you questioning the point of living while laughing at your own insignificance. Best songs: "Pretty Pimpin'," "All in a Daze Work," "Stand Inside," and "That's Life, tho (almost hate to say)."





## Spectre Lives Up to the Hype

By Jack Capizzi  
Asst. Entertainment Editor

One-hundred-mile-an-hour car chases, complicated gadgets, mind-blowing explosions, witty catch phrases and of course, women, are all synonymous with the James Bond franchise. *Spectre* is no exception—it even seems to be an homage to the Bond films of the past. In the Daniel Craig era, such hallmarks usually took a secondary role in comparison to the more realistic perspective that has been emphasized since *Casino Royale* premiered in 2006.

Not so *Spectre*. *Spectre* embraces the Bond stereotypes that have been lost in the last decade. The film contains more explosions than you can count on your fingers, the evil mastermind who will stop at nothing to gain world domination, secret lairs (including one inside of a crater created by an asteroid), and a mysterious woman who happens to be a trained killer. At the same time, director Sam Mendes offers personal glimpses of Bond's past coupled with a refreshing plotline

that grabs the audience from the first second to the last.

Even for those of us who "aren't that into" the Bond series, just

the classic flare.

I was able to ask some students from around campus where *Spectre* ranks in comparison to the

nized as the least impressive of the 4-part series. One student said that, while Daniel Craig was still good, he seemed noticeably older. He also noted that although Christoph Waltz made an excellent villain, his lack of character development and screen time led to him not having quite the effect as previous villains Le Chiffre and Raoul Silva.

All in all, *Spectre* is another strong addition to the Bond Franchise. It is able to represent what it means to be a Bond film while continuing the more realistic nature of the Daniel Craig years. If you have any interest in James Bond—or in action movies as a whole—*Spectre* is a must see.



going to witness the use of special effects and setting is definitely worth it. We follow Bond from Mexico City during Dia de los Muertos to the Austrian Alps, to Africa and to the heart of London—all the while still possessing

previous three Daniel Craig additions of the Bond franchise, and the consensus seems pretty clear. After *Casino Royale*, *Spectre* sits inches away from *Skyfall*, but still miles ahead of *Quantum of Solace*, widely recog-



## Capizzi's Corner: Judging Both Versions of *The Martian*

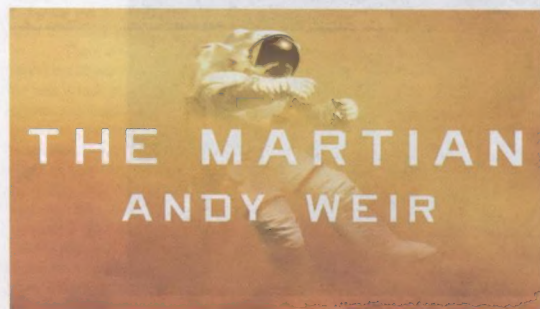
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### The Book

Reading outside of school is a task that is rarely achieved by the average member of the Big Red. The biggest problem with trying to read outside of MBA is that you have so much homework and so many extracurricular activities that when you actually do have some free time, you're generally not compelled to crack open another book. *The Martian*, however, could be an exception to this all-too-familiar habit. While it has become one of the biggest movies of the year, many do not know that *The Martian* was originally a well-regarded novel. It is a perfect book for the MBA student to read outside of school.

*The Martian* is fast-paced, easy to read, and most of all, captures the reader's attention. Author Andy Weir creates relatable characters with familiar perspectives, easily conveying the complex plot to the reader. Mark Watney, the stranded astronaut, is a lovable character using his knowledge and wit to get him out of the most perilous situations. His plucky attitude, while not the most realistic for someone who has not been stranded with no help on a barren planet, demonstrates how the book does not take itself too seriously, allowing for a relaxed read.

The book is especially worth reading for sophomores who are enduring the struggle that is chemistry. There would be no story without Watney's deep knowledge of reactions, compounds, and molecules. Weir reflects his own fascination of these subjects when he sets up lengthy reactions for creating water and life, all in the context of life on Mars. The smooth pace and upbeat action accentuates the small occurrences in the novel that makes it enjoyable reading. *The Martian* should definitely be at the top of every Big Red student's mind when pondering what book to read next.



### The Movie

*The Martian* movie was equally as exciting as the book. While may seem like a reproduction of *Interstellar* due to its similar cast, such a comparison would be unwarranted. *The Martian* really puts the geek into the sci-fi film genre while retaining its impact as an exciting action epic.

The film is a refreshing take on a genre that has seemed tired and repetitive in recent years. Science is a large part of the movie, as it is the heart of Mark Watney's survival.

Each member of the cast upholds the humorous but engaging tone of the movie from start to finish. Matt Damon, redeeming himself from a less-than-stellar performance in his previous movie, masters the joking and gutsy attitude of Watney conveyed in the novel. Supporting actors Jeff Daniels, Jessica Chastain, and Donald Glover all do their part in adding to the depth and quirkiness of the film that made it so memorable.

*The Martian* revives a broken down genre, keeping the audience's attention for the full 141 minutes and leaving the viewer satisfied. While it does diverge from the book at points, the movie sticks to the general plot line of the novel and conquers the challenging task of going from page to screen. If you haven't seen it yet, *The Martian* is truly fun to watch and most of all, like the book, doesn't take itself too seriously, making for an extraordinary movie.





## Freshmen Search for a Home

By Gibby Gibson  
Staff Writer

The ninth grade homecoming was one for the books. **Sam Funk** didn't get the memo that people were wearing blazers, so he decided to wear a fleece instead. Everyone loved watching **Henry Hylbert** and **Liam Huber** being thrown around in the moshpit, but the highlight of the night was without a doubt **Max Bostelman** catching grass on fire by jumping over a fire pit. It was a very heated night.

The ninth grade football team finished their season undefeated, and the basketball team looks to start their upcoming season in a strong fashion. We also turned in our first high school themes, and it was certainly a grind.

Even though we have only been allowed to paint up once, the freshmen have been a dominating presence in the student section. The playoffs are underway, so we need to ignore the cold and come out to support the varsity team.

Our student officers have been doing an excellent job, but **Marshall Sumner** seems to be stepping back on his promise of an indoor football field and a swimming pool.

Freshmen year seems to be going well, and though these things called "exams" are coming up, and they plan to ruin our fun, overall it has been a good fall, and I know we are all looking forward to the upcoming winter break.



JUST TRYING TO HAVE FUN: Sam Funk and friends sure do know how to enjoy themselves on a day off.

## Juniors Rolling Strong

By Frist Allen  
Staff Writer

The juniors have settled in nicely as upperclassmen on campus. **Jack Pickel**'s new hair part is the talk of the galaxy, **Micah Battle** has been making plays both on and off the field, and **Magnus Campos** has been flying his "Don't Tread on Me" flag high to the sky. **Nick Ray** is a beast. And though winter is slowly approaching, **Turner Johnson** is very mad that summer is long gone, as he misses fun times in the swimming pool.

College is right around the corner, and many juniors have found their potential homes come 2017. On top of the many emails juniors have been getting from college coaches, many juniors have already settled on their choices. **Cal Rieke** has decided that the University of Oklahoma is the place for him. **George Harwell** found love at first sight in Fort Worth when visiting TCU. **Michael Lee** and **Connor Mulloy** are showing strong interest to SMU after joining the elite "Barley Boys" club. **Logan Cashwell** wishes to follow his lady friend to Clemson University, and **Nick Ray** shows high interest in the University of Tampa as he wishes to follow his brother (#RayBrosOnTheRise). To top things off, **Ben Gauldin** has his eyes on Jacksonville State.

We've all been watching the football team and its stars **Ty Chandler** and **Michael Lee**, but **Haden Wachtler**, **Brad Hornsby**, and **Jack Hornsby** are also

promising great results for the varsity basketball squad. Brad remarks, "Now that I am 6'4", expect to see a dunk a game. Jack is only 6'3" and cannot get rim."

Many juniors are also participating in church ball this year; First Presbyterian Church, Covenant, and West End United Methodist are all competing for the coveted church ball championship. Other than basketball, continue to pray for each and every member of our class that survives wrestling every day.

It has been great seeing **Sam Garrett** back at school this quarter. Keep up the prayers. Roll Red! Stay Dixie, Juniors!



ABOVE: Caleb Jernigan and Sam Morris, pictured with THE Derrick Payne, look to assert dominance on the Covenant churchball court.

BELOW: Aubrey Greene and Connor Mulloy love this mix of Ensworth, Harpeth Hall, and Saint Cecilia!





## Sophomores Seek Role Models

By Philip Scholer and Ty Allen  
True Men of the Hill

The start to the school year was rocky for some sophomores, but the outlook is improving. The sophomores on the football team are working really hard to climb up the depth chart. **Tay Munoz** and **Michael McGuire** (Smash and Dash) are getting tougher every practice by getting lit up each play. Both of the **Pollocks** get a lot of playing time, and they always help each other up while on the field. The crew team, apparently playing the hardest sport at the school, is doing very well, but for some reason the assembly promotion did not lead to anyone joining the squad. The baseball players work out every day and must be getting stronger due to all the protein shakes they drink. The sopho-

more JV hockey players are improving. **Isaac Sedek** and **Yosef Howard** finally learned how to skate after their third game. **Isaac** said, "I'm a goalie; I didn't think I'd needed to know how to skate."

Just as a reminder to 95% of the sophomores, there is a research paper we are supposed to be working on (**Brady Slinger** and **Jameson Russ**, we know you have finished). Chinese class is becoming much harder for some sophomores. Many AP History scholars find it hard to read their textbooks because the pages are stuck together. **Cal Bryan** said, "There's just something about Foner that gives me such a rush."

Homecoming was exciting. **Michael McGuire** rekindled a fire with an old flame. **Watson Dill** had to deny a promising opportunity (@Palmer-Thombs). **McClain Portis** found that he is not great with a "smoking" cheer-

leader, but she was really "chill" about the whole thing, thanks to some unauthorized help. After **Frigon's** love moved to Nebraska, he improved his Madden Mobile skills at the afterparty. **Will Nutter** found out that bathroom stalls can be really messy.

The only thing better than homecoming was Halloween. **Wes Hall** was fighting with a persistent South African, but the South African moved on and let **Wes** take the loss. The class stud had the great costume as the North Carolina football coach. Apparently some girls thought this was a really good outfit. A lot of people went downtown to Pretty Lights, but only some were actually there. Roll Red Sophomores, and keep grinding.



HEY MAN: Coach Deutsch and his magical fist-bumps are motivating these sophomores to greatness.

## Senior Leadership at an All-Time High

By Werner Bradshaw  
Ronald McDonald

As the hot weather departs, the seniors look to keep MBA warm with happiness.

Outside of the classroom, the class of 2016 boasts many accomplishments. Most notably, **Gray Adelman** continues to thrive on the set of Sunday NFL Countdown while preparing for his role in the new-

ROLL TIDE: Russell "2:30" McGinn is just trying to do his thing.



Willy Wonka movie. Let's hope **Gray** doesn't fall into a Chocolate River! **Adam Young** has enjoyed praise for his lead role on the advertising team for cinnamon-flavored Apple Jacks. Not only is **Adam** one half of the advertising team, he also accounts for one half of the cereal's flavor. Former junk food activist and *Bell Ringer* cereal correspondent **Russell McGinn** listed Apple Jacks as number four on his annual "Ten Best Breakfast Cereals" list, citing **Adam's** involvement as critical to the cereal's deliciousness.

In the world of sports, seniors continue to demonstrate unmatched leadership. Following his flawless 100% attendance of Leadership Luncheons, **Jackson Wooten** has become both a crucial leader and invaluable member of the bowling team. **John Kelly** returned to the gridiron to lead the Big Red to an exciting playoff victory following a "thumb injury" and a record-setting 48-hour slumber.

Congrats to **Joe Scowden** on his recent commitment to play football at Columbia, although many seniors expected **JScow** to follow in the footsteps of his (possible) brother and (confirmed) look-alike **Kevin Mawae** and play for LSU.

Veteran ice pups **McGinn**, **Ethan Mowery**, and **Sam Smith** look to continue the success of MBA's hockey team, all making huge moves both on and off the ice in recent



KILLING THE GAME: Gray Adelman hopes to become a state champion tonight.

weeks. "In hockey, it's all about conditioning," **Russell** remarked, "so we ice pups pride ourselves on staying in shape all season."

As always, the class of 2016 turns to **Yavin Alwis** for motivation, emotional guidance, and philosophical inquiry. Yavin's "No lunch for me!" attitude is sure to spill over to other seniors as we approach our final semester at MBA.



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# THE MBA WISH LIST



Here at *The Bell Ringer*, we take Christmas seriously. It's many students' favorite holiday. A time of celebration and relaxation. With that spirit in mind, I, an unidentified freshman elf, have taken the time to compile a list of "What Every MBA Boy Wants for Christmas." These items range from the traditional to the obscure, and cover a wide variety of unique campus phenomena. Thus I, speaking on behalf of the entire school, present the MBA Wish List.

## 1. Mr. Gioia's glasses, dog

I've often pondered how difficult it would be to swipe these items. The glasses would be easy. All a student would have to do is enter Mr. Gioia's office between the hours of 7 and 9 P.M. It is in these hours that Mr. Gioia is known to indulge in his so-called "viewing time," which is when he takes two hours out of his busy day to stand on the roof of the Ball Building and observe the Dining Hall before him. He remains motionless throughout the entire process. Needless to say, this is the optimal time to seize the glasses and make your Christmas wish come true.

Now Mr. Gioia's dog, that's a different story. Nac is a shifty beast, and he rarely leaves Mrs. Gioia's side during the day. The evening hours are the time to strike. Here, the Canine Gioia lurks in his backyard domain just off campus grounds. It's been said by many a senior that if you go and stand at the back gate when the sun goes down, and wave a graduated student's acceptance letter to a small, Northern liberal arts college, the Canine Gioia will come sprinting your way. Needless to say, this action confirms the theory that the Canine Gioia is truly just Mr. Gioia in dog form.



## 2. Sage cucumber water

Some say this beverage is the elixir of the gods. It combines the classic, refreshing taste of water with a hint of the all-too-common drink mixture, cucumbers. This draught, served out of a majestic container in the dining hall, is a staff favorite. The men of *The Bell Ringer* love it so much that Joseph Scowden plans to have 60 gallons of it Fed-Exed to his dorm room at Columbia University next fall.



## 3. Mr. Morrison's accent 5. A membership on the rowing team

Mr. Morrison's accent has the distinctive ability to make the listener feel completely empowered with hope. A rare and powerful gift, some would say. Mr. Morrison breaks out this accent frequently, and by frequently, I mean all the time. All I really want for Christmas this year to sound like Mr. Morrison.

A guaranteed prom date! What more could you ask for? Not only does this membership guarantee that you'll be jiving in your tuxedo come April; you can know for a fact that you're participating in a sport that takes millions of years to master. (There have been reported cases of certain Princeton students picking up the sport out of nowhere and within a few years making the Olympics. But these remain unconfirmed.) All in all, what I really want for Christmas is to be able to join an extremely demanding sport while also being able to make insanely "hype" assembly speeches accompanied by equally "hype" pump-up videos.

## 6. Dr. Lech's closet

I don't think one small paragraph can do it justice. No outfit is repeated, and no sweater vest has the same design. It's all tied together with an outstanding haircut and a trendy pair of glasses. Seriously, come December 25th, I would love to assume this man's fashion identity.

## 4. A strong assembly handshake

Ah, the old handshake. One of Santa's favorite gifts. When I see a student breaking out this treasure, I think of one of two things: either the event won didn't give out a trophy, or the student shaking Mr. Gioia's hand really just wants to be "that guy." Either way, there's nothing quite like awkwardly turning away from the podium to greet Mr. G., and it's an experience I'd sacrifice multiple lumps of coal for.



And last but not least....

## 7. A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

ROLL RED BOYS!!!!!!